## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-12 are now pending in the application. Claims 2 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

## **DRAWINGS**

The drawings stand objected to because Figure 2 is labeled "PRIOR ART", however it is referred to as the "preferred embodiment" in the specification. Applicant has attached a revised drawing for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheet", attached hereto, the legend "PRIOR ART" has been removed.

#### SPECIFICATION

The specification has been carefully reviewed to ensure that any grammatical, idiomatic, spelling and other minor errors are corrected. Amendments to correct these minor errors are submitted herewith.

## REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,392,204 to Schumacher ('204). Applicant herewith cancels claim 1. Thus, the rejection is now moot.

# **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 2.

The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figure 2, replaces the original sheets including Figures 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 2-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent

form. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have amended claims 2-12 to include the limitations of the

base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 2-12 should now be in condition

for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection and objection have been

properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully

requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections

and objections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the

outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for

allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite requested.

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